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FERROCHROME PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ferrochrome plants in Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Orissa and Jharkhand;

(b) whether a number of Ferrochrome plants in these States have fallen sick;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to revive sick units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) As per the available information, the number of operating Ferrochrome plants in Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Orissa and Jharkhand is as under:

Name of the State	No. of Ferrochrome plants
Madhya Pradesh	-
Chhatisgarh	2
Orissa	6
Jharkhand	-

Out of the two running plants in Chhatisgarh, only one unit is producing Ferrochrome and the other unit has changed its production to Manganese Alloys.

(b)&(c): It is true that some units in these States have fallen sick and closed down. This has mainly been due to high cost of power and poor market conditions.

(d)&(e): There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.